

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Reeves gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

Bob Reeves
Ray Don Clayton
John Gallen (excused absence)
Charlotte Heinze (excused absence)
Fred Harris
Bud Owsley
Annabelle Smith

Steven J. Alexander, City Manager
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary
James R. Thompson, City Attorney

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Announcements from the Mayor and City Council Members.

Council Member Smith

- Invited everyone to attend the Rabbit Fest at City Park to be held May 13 thru 16. There are lots of new attractions and a wonderful "Wild West" show this year.

City Manager, Steven Alexander

- Copperas Cove Fire Department has just received the Texas Department of Health's "Non-Traditional Provider's Award" for their "Shots through the Firehouse" program. The award was given "in recognition for the contribution in protecting the health of the citizens of Texas by providing immunizations to the children of Copperas Cove in a non-traditional setting". The "Shots through the Firehouse" program was started in August, 2000, and is conducted at central fire station on the first and third Saturday of the month, from 8 -11 am. The department provides immunizations to children at no cost to families. While many fire departments in the state offer similar programs, Copperas Cove Fire Department is one of only a handful of departments that provide the program year-round. During 2003, the Copperas Cove Fire Department provided over 900 free immunizations to 85 adults and 498 children. Congratulation to the Fire Department.

Mayor Diaz

- Early Voting for the May 15, 2004 City of Copperas Cove, General Election will continue through Tuesday, May 11, 2004. 8 a.m. thru 5 p.m. with the exception of the weekend days. Election Day is Saturday, May 15, 2004, 7 a.m. thru 7 p.m. All voting for this election will take place at City Hall. The Civic Center will not be used as a polling place this year. For more information on the City Election contact City Secretary, Pamela Russell.
- I would like to take this opportunity to read to you a letter from Major General (Retired) Kenneth Leuer addressed to Mrs. Barbara Gividen:

"Dear Mrs. Gividen,

It is with great personal honor that I write to inform you that CPT (R) George M. Gividen has been selected for induction as a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame. With this selection, George joins a select group of Rangers, which includes BG William O. Darby and MG Frank D. Merrill. Through his dedication and devotion to fellow Rangers, he richly deserves to be remembered with this select group in the Ranger Hall of Fame. We respectfully request your presence at the Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which will be conducted on July 14, 2004 at Marshall Auditorium, Fort Benning, Georgia."

On behalf of the City Council I wish to extend our most sincere Congratulations and express our heartfelt pride for the late Mr. George Gividen; former Copperas Cove City Council Member

- I would like to introduce you to Mr. Willie Ortiz with the Solid Waste Department. On April 21, 2004 as Willie traveled his pick-up route, a little girl waived him down to ask for help. She was lost and could not find her way home. Mr. Ortiz radioed in to the transfer station to report the lost child and stayed with her until help could arrive. Come to find out the little girl had actually wandered some distance away from her home. I would like recognize Mr. Willie Ortiz for his efforts and thank him on behalf of the City Council. It also says a lot for the Solid Waste Department when a co-worker takes the time to mention such acts of kindness.

2. "Gee I Want a Job" - Jobs for Military Families program announcement.
Susan Kamas, Executive Director, Central Texas Workforce Board

Susan Kamas, Executive Director of the Central Workforce Board gave a presentation of the "Gee I Want a Job" program. This program helps military family members find employment. Jerry Haisler, Director of the Central Texas Workforce Center gave an overview of the marketing of this program, and stated the Workforce Board was working closely with the Fort Hood officials.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – "National Day of Prayer". **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Peggy Thompson. Ms. Thompson invited all citizens to attend the National Day of Prayer celebrations on May 6, 2004.

2. Proclamation – “Foster Care Month”. **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation.

3. Proclamation – “Police Week” “Peace Officer’s Memorial Day”. **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz read the proclamation and presented it to Lt Wilson and Deputy Police Chief, Heintzelman. Lt. Wilson stated: Approximately 140-160 officers are killed in the line of duty each year in the United States with 48 already making the ultimate sacrifice this year. It is an honor that the community of Copperas Cove recognizes National Police Week and Peace Officers’ Memorial Day as a lasting tribute to each of these fallen officers. During his tenure, President Clinton signed public law 103-322 which directs the U.S. flag on all government buildings to be displayed at half-staff on May 15, National Peace Officers’ Memorial Day. The CCPD would also like to ask all businesses and citizens to display their U.S. flags at half-staff to recognize those officers who exhibited selfless courage and lost their lives while serving and protecting the citizens of this great nation. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the city council and the rest of the community for the support they have given the Copperas Cove Police Department and look forward to your continued support. Thank you.

4. Retirement Recognition – Robert Litton, Copperas Cove Police Department. **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor**

Mayor Diaz presented a framed artwork to Robert Litton and read the following announcement: Robert Litton began working with the Copperas Cove Police Department on May 6, 1991. In his 12 years plus of service he has been a great asset to the department. He is the type of person who would help other officers; especially the new officers that had just been recently hired. Officer Litton was a field trainer and was also assigned to the traffic division. He was a very reliable officer and when the department needed an officer to stay and work extra duty he would be the first to volunteer to stay late. When he began his tour of duty he would give 100% effort towards his job. With Robert retiring from the Police Department the Department will miss a great person and a friend. His last day of duty was April 16, 2004.

- F. **CITIZENS’ FORUM** citizens are allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters, matters under litigation, or matters on the regular agenda, for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

Diane Steele - 905 N. 4th Street. Expressed concerns regarding GC Services expanding their business in Killeen rather than Copperas Cove, and stated there are many empty buildings including the Speculative Building in Copperas Cove.

Pamela Bond – 204 Allen Street. Thanked the media for coverage of the Sounds of Silence productions, and stated that the Sounds of Silence would next be performing in Waco. Ms. Bond encouraged residents to contact her if they would like to register to vote.

G. **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from April 20, 2004 Special City Council Meeting and the April 20, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve consent item G-1. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1. Public Hearing on a proposed ordinance relating to smoking in public places. **James R. Thompson, City Attorney**

Mayor Diaz announced that a five minute time limit would be placed on everyone wishing to speak. Mayor Diaz opened the Public Hearing. The following individuals spoke:

Diane Steele – 905 N. 4th Street Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Pamela Bond – 204 Allen Street, Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Annie Hoffpaur – 416 Jeffrey Lane, Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Robert Lyle Sr. – 813 S. 25th Street, Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Charles Hix (Lil Tex Restaurant) - 502 S. Main Street, Copperas Cove – Against the ordinance
Shirley McCaffrey (Uptown Lunchroom) – 106 Cove Terrace, Copperas Cove – Against the ordinance.
Dr. Ronald Coleman Jr. – 806 E. Avenue D. – For the ordinance.
Sylvia Barren (Texas Department of Health) – 2408 S. 37th Street, Temple. – For the ordinance.
Dean Frost – 602 Judy Lane, Copperas Cove. – For the ordinance.
Mrs. Billerman – 503 E. Robertson Avenue, Copperas Cove. – For the ordinance
Pat O'Brien – 1208 Phyllis Drive, Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Inez Faison – 707 Skyline Drive, Copperas Cove. – For the ordinance.
James Gray (American Cancer Society) – 2713 Geraghty, Austin. – For the ordinance.
Steven Schmidt (Grace United Methodist Church) - 616 Manning, Copperas Cove. – For the ordinance.
C. S. Crowder - P.O. Box 185. Non Copperas Cove resident. – Against the ordinance.
Shawn Camp – 112 Easy Street, Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Ed Wendling – 907 Willowbrook Street, Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Richard Demorest – 1104 S. 11th Street, Copperas Cove. – Against the ordinance.
Jennelle Morgan – P.O. Box 10747, Killeen. – Against the ordinance.
Bernice Letzer – 2908 Oakhill Drive, Copperas Cove.

Mayor Diaz closed the Public Hearing at 8.34 p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Hearn Engineering, Inc., for professional engineering services for the West End Paving and Utilities Project. **Paul M. Boyer, P.E., City Engineer**

Paul Boyer, City Engineer gave an overview of the contract. Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve agenda item I-1. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on approval of Resolution No. 2004-11 approving tax exempt financing for Heart of Texas Goodwill Industries. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-11. Council Member Harris seconded the motion. Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of Resolution No. 2004-11. With a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. EDC Financial Report for the month ended March 31, 2004. **Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director**

Carol Mills, EDC Executive Director gave the financial report for the month ended March 31, 2004.

2. Budget Process review for FY 2004-05. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance gave an overview of the budget process for the FY 2004-05.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

N. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Diaz stated the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary